Farewell Letters
September 1904

August ....., 1904.

The Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D.D., returning to his Mission in Equatorial West Africa, will sail for Liverpool, on the Red Star Line Steamer "Merion," at 10.00 A. M. of Saturday, September 3rd, from American Line Dock, Pier 53 South Wharves, foot of Washington Avenue, Philadelphia.

Official Address, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. Address in Africa, American Mission, Batanga, Kamerun, South-West Africa.

Dr. Nassau's time, up to the day of sailing, is already so engaged that he can make no further appointments for visits or addresses.

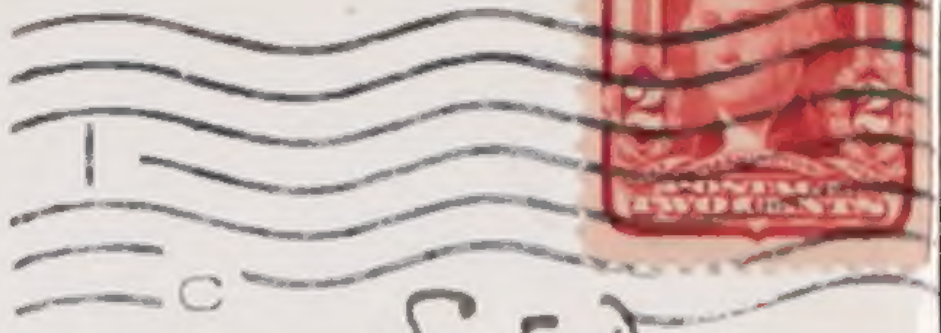
1515 Wallace Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Robert Hamill ✓ Nassau

Farewell letters,
September 1904

No. 1.

From
my niece,
Miss Eleanor B. Nassau,



Rev. R. A. Nassau S. T. D.

Care Charles Francis Nassau, M. D.

1515 Wallace Street

Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania

[Good-bye]

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from
Sherman Nev

Springfield Ohio

29 August 1904

My dear Uncle,

These days are very busy ones for you I am sure – and we can scarcely expect a letter from you – but when you are on the ocean we hope you will find time to write us something of your Adirondack visit – and of your stay in Philadelphia with Charlie. We hope his trip abroad was altogether delightful

but at Mr Barkers request agreed a short time ago to stay on two weeks longer — Our plans for the winter are all in a whirl — I wrote some time ago engaging rooms for October at The Lorring in Dublin — but we are now thinking of a year abroad — and thought the first plan was to leave in February — it is quite possible that we may leave several months earlier —

I am afraid I shall have to give up my beloved Butter this autumn but if we go to Dresden I shall feel fully compensated. — Mother makes quite a form the party but we expect later on to be joined by two or three others — Mother is very pleased to be relieved from the cares of housekeeping — and after so many years abroad Europe will be a "new story" —

— We are very happy in the thought that we were keeping house while you took this freedom — and were thus enabled to have even the short visit you made us

It was a great pleasure to be

We have thought and spoken of you many times since we last wrote — but — what with the daily round — a visitor or two in the house — and the time — & so many coming and going we have had no time very much taken up — Soon we shall be launched upon "house cleaning" — We have about four weeks now in which to prepare the house for the very next lady from whom we rent it — — We had only leased it — up to the fifteenth of September —

you with us — and to really get in touch with you again. — I thought it was delightful too to have you working at your book here — It will be pleasant to think of that when you see it — You must tell us how soon it is to come out — just in the holiday season I suppose — You have not told us about your photographs — Were the friends in the East as much pleased with them as we were? — Everyone here likes the large photograph so much — It is fine.

I wish I were to be in Philadelphia to wish you Bon Voyage and to see you before you go — Please dear Uncle if there is any little thing we can send you from this side of the Atlantic — or the other — do write to us — & let us — It would be a great pleasure to do anything we could — Mother is sending the Pictures to Africa now to Aunt Bella — She will send them to you however — when you have started & I shall hope to find interesting magazine articles or newspaper cuttings — newspapers etc — to show you — But may what is happening but that you are in our thoughts. —

— How happy you must be to have some real summer weather again — You must have found it very cool in the Adirondacks. — Many however must have enjoyed it very much —

I want to make an effort to catch a glimpse of her this autumn if possible — Shore he said as once suggested — the last of October it would be impossible — but if there are Sundays in the East I will do what I can do —

— Oh, by the way, can you tell me where — in what books — or pamphlets I could find anything relating to the Congo Free State? Mr Beaux has a paper on it for some club here — & asks me for some of the information I must surely have gleaned from you — I can tell him some things — of course, but — I wonder if you could not suggest some (written) authority she could consult. — I feel interested in having every corner of the world know what cruelty is perpetrated in that Free State — under the name of philanthropy —

I should like to have a good talk with her — Our plans change almost daily — & they may not go through at all — — It is really wonderful to me the way you can plan your vacation without hurrying ahead with dates & — — — and then adhere to them —

And now dear Uncle — my next letter to you will be I suppose sent to the Equator — It's a long trip — Many times be most — considerate

and enjoyable —
Visit from Jr the Russo boys
and much to you say
between me Always affectionately
Eleanor B. Hanson

No. 2.

From

Rev. S. G. Dunning.

The Rev. Robt. Hamill Nassau D.D.

1815 Wallace St.

Philadelphia,

Pa.

Recd Aug. 31 1904
Dated Aug. 30

from
Rev. Dunning

[Good-bye]

Middletown N.Y.
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My dear Dr. Nassau:

As you will see we are at my old home and I have been wondering about seeing you before you sail Saturday but find that the limits of my vacation permit.

We came over the Erie R.R. direct taking the train at Osborn and leaving it at Middletown. We were thankful we were able to do this on account of the children and they stood the journey very well indeed. We leave for Osborn Thursday afternoon Sept. 1st reaching our destination the next afternoon a little after noon.

I now wish to thank you for the copy of Newark N.J. daily which you sent me giving an account of the Class day

exercises. Your picture is a very good
likeness for a newspaper cut. We wanted
to visit Princeton this trip also but had
not be able. I have not had an opportunity
to take Dr Jesup's offering well in, from
to your relatives but have received it
and will do so.

Speaking of Springfield that little
church of which Mr Crain is pastor may
be vacant this fall. Mr Crain wants
to know some little difficulties have arisen
and Dr Hill has asked me to consider
it as an opening if Mr. Crain should
carry out his intention. Dr Hill is
very sanguine that it is a splendid
opportunity for a young man to make his
mark. He thinks under proper oversight
oversight it will develop into a strong church
of the field opens I shall want to con-
sult with Dr's Fullerton & Thomson
about the conditions before we come to any
decision.

I have occupied the pulpit of the
large M.E. church here one Sabbath
since coming. Our own pretty church
fulfil is now closed for the installing of a
new $5,000.00 pipe organ. The Synod of
Newyork meets in our home church in Oct.

I have gone thro' the S.S. library of
church here and found a copy of Bro.
Paul of Benita but the copy "Crowned
in Palm land" has disappeared. I en-
joyed reading the life of Bro. Paull so
given and recognized some names of native
persons.

I am passing thro' my periodical
attack of "hay fever" and it is very
very annoying. I did not have any signs
of it while in Africa but as soon as I
came home it returned again. I
have for the last two years been taking
a preparation of it Kola "Himalayan"
and while it does not prevent the disease
in my case it does mitigate it somewhat
that the worst is now over for this
year.

One of our local docs at Jackson
advised me to try the new local anaesthetic
adrenalin and while I have not been
able to give it a fair trial as a general

of taking the Kola preparation I can see that it would be helpful in keeping down the fierceness of the attacks. Of course this is only temporary. I hear have became I trust you will have a most prosperous voyage and be as free as possible from your old enemy sea sickness.

You will not be forgotten by those who met you at Osborn during your visit. One lady mentioned how much she appreciated your address out in that little country church. I fear I do not have the privilege of believing to such things my self.

This morning finds me in bad condition and a heavy "bad spell."

Yours most sincerely

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Rev. Dr. Hamill Nassau,

1515 Wallace Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Recd. Sept. 1st 1904
Dated Aug. 30th
from
Conan Saml. Hamm

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[Good-bye]

FOLIO #2 H.N.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY.

I trust you will have a pleasant journey and that a kind Providence will spare your life for many years and that you will still be able to continue successfully the great work which you have done in Africa.

Yours very truly, affectionately

S.M. Daniel

SMD/W

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

PRINCIPAL OFFICE
SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

Schenectady, N. Y., August 30, 1904.

Rev. Dr. Hamill Nassau,
1515 Wallace Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Cousin:-

I am indeed very glad to receive your favor of the 27th and thank you for giving me again the correct title of the book on K Congoland. I will order it.

I was very glad also to have you meet Mrs. Hamill and only regret that our stay in Princeton was of such a short duration that we could not even get over to Lawrenceville and Trenton and see our friends and relatives.

I also regret that I have not seen more of you during your visit to this country. I have had a very busy year, so much so that I was unable to go down to Narragansett Pier where my wife and Mary Hamill were spending the summer for a longer period than two Sundays. Mrs. Hamill finally returned to Schenectady last night ahead of time. I should liked very much to have had you seen the latest edition of the Mary Hamills. I will send you a picture of her and hope to have it in Philadelphia before you sail.

I hear a great deal of you through my brother Hugh who indeed loves you dearly and admires you exceedingly.

General Davis has been away in the mountains, at Boston and at Cooperstown for three weeks and has just returned. I have not seen him but when I do I will take great pleasure in giving him the information contained in your letter.

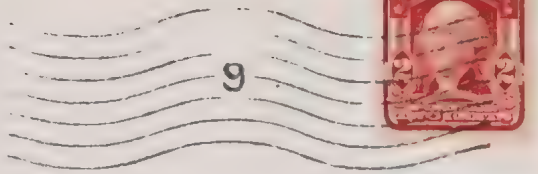
No. 4.

From

Mr. Arthur V. Morton.

A. V. M.

517 Chestnut Street.



Rev. Robert H. Nassau D.D.

1515 Wallace st

Philadelphia

Rec'd Sept. 1st 1904
Dated Aug. 31st
from
Arthur Mark

Good-bye

ARTHUR V. MORTON,
517 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, 8·31·14

Rev. Robert H. Nassau D.D.
1515 Wallace st

My dear Dr. Nassau

I am very sorry that we have not had the pleasure of seeing you during your visit and I appreciate your few lines.

I know that my mother and sisters will regret not seeing you and for them and myself I wish you a prosperous voyage in your return to africa

With kind regards
very sincerely
A. V. Morton

No. 5.

From

Mrs. Mary L. Todd.

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Rev R H. Nassau D.D.
1516 Wallace St
Philadelphia
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[Good-bye]

Recd. Sept. 1st 1904
Quarter Aug. 31st
Rec'd Room
Mrs. Todd

Whitesville, N. J. May 31, 1876

Dear Dr Nassau –

Your card received this morning. I will hasten to send all good wishes for safety & health on the journey & the hope that your work for the Master may be blessed as never before. I came up from Bayhead last evening & when I looked around the house the different things I left all ready for your visit here the keen disappointment that I felt when it seemed not meet to make any arrangement with you for the visit I fully [illegible] to have you & Mary make here came up anew. When I did

not hear from you. then I thought I would not miss seeing you & Mary but I ought to have waited at home. I hope when you come again - if E. & spares our lives that things can be be arranged differently & you can spend some time here Mrs Foster was not as well when I left & the improvement in her eyesight was not so marked. With love to Mary tell her I do not want have her become indifferent to me. I want to see her some times & keep in touch with her - With best wishes good bye!

Very sincerely yours
M C. Todd.

Won't you write sometimes

No. 6.

From

Rev. Maitland V. Bartlett.

Dr. R. H. Hassan

c/o 1515 Wallace St.

Philadelphia

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Rec'd Sept. 1st 1904
Dated Aug. 31st
From
Alice Bartlett

[Good type]

My dear Dr. Nassau -

I wish to send you a parting word. Sometime since I wrote you and addressed it to Mrs. Libbey to be forwarded to you at your address. This morning she tells me that she has never received the letter and so I am sending another one direct to you. As the time approaches for you to leave

separated from us by so many miles you must feel that you are not beyond the bounds of our sympathy and our love. We are all in the same church and in the same work. We have enjoyed renew you this past year and we shall follow you with thoughtful interest into your African home. Accept my hearty God-speed and best wishes for a safe and pleasant journey. With warmest greetings

Very cordially yours

Maitland Vance Bartlett

Princeton N. J.

31. Aug 1904

I am sure, that your heart must sing for home. In one sense Africa must be such to you the still voice in that God has permitted you to do so many years' splendid work in that land and our prayer is that there may still be years filled with fruitful service. May they be bright and happy years. The interest and the prayers at home will follow you to that far-off land and tho' you are

No. 7.

From

my Sister

Mrs Matilda N. Lowrie.

Rev. R. Hamill Nassau D.D.
1515 Wallace St.
Philadelphia
Pa.

Recd. Sept. 2 1909
Dated Sept. 1
from
Sister Lou

[Good-bye]

Warriorsmark
Sept. 1st 1904.

My dear Lord & all the friends
in London, I have been
expecting for a
considerable
time a letter
from you
Mr. Lower

My Brother,

I received the card yesterday announcing the day of your sailing and thank you for it. But I really did not need to be reminded of the fact; for I have had it in mind very, very often since you left us. And knowing how great was your desire to return to Africa and how greatly you are needed there I have taken comfort in the thought that every day has drawn nearer to the fulfilment of your desire.

I hope you have been very successful in your shopping and in all your preparations

a holy man that he is a real blessing in our home. I think both he and his mother are very much improved in health since coming to us. We have tried to be very careful of him so that he would not be overtaxed. He gave us a very interesting address on Madeira one Sabbath and had (as you did) a full church. Besides this he has given us many little talks in prayer-meeting. Dr Jack has been taking vacation for August. But will be in his pulpit next Sabbath. We have had a great many guests this summer - the house full nearly all the time and people coming and going. Charlie & Mother were at home at the same time. Miss Hawes is with us now making her parting visit. She leaves for China in the early part of October. I expect Mr & Mrs Watson on Saturday to spend Sabbath. They are en route for Phila. where they expect to begin housekeeping. I rather look for Mattie too on Saturday. Our Church people whom you know are for the most part well. But the Hagerty family are in sorrow as Mr. Hagerty died about 10 days ago after an illness of more than a week. We feel very sorry for the family. You can think of me for one month from the middle of September as having Sister Emma here. This is a visit which she & I look forward to with great pleasure. Now I must close this letter dear brother with many wishes for a safe and good voyage for you. I pray God to grant you rich blessings as you go and as you labor on in Africa. And may you have many years given

for departure and I hope you are well. I was pleased to learn from a letter received yesterday from Dolly Lettie that you were looking very well. I suppose Mary is with you. Dear child! it will be hard for her to part with you. But she will have many pleasant and blessed thoughts as she recalls the days and weeks spent with her precious Father. I am glad to say that we are all quite well and this entire summer (now ended) has been a delightful one. Our Chinese relations are still with us. But they expect to leave us for a month or so in the East. We wonder gladly detain them here longer, for they are delightful guests. Walter especially so much

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From

Rev. Walter A. Brooks. D.D.

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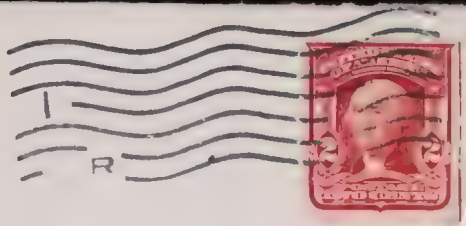

Robert Hamill Morgan Esq.
1515 Wallace St
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Rec'd Sept. 21, 1904
Dated Sept. 21
from
Rev. Dr. Broadus

Trenton N. J. Sept 2 1904

Dear Dr. Nassau

I am just home from my vacation and find your card announcing your return to Africa soon. Mrs. Goodrich and the Lord be with thee. We shall think of you and pray for you with undiminished interest and love, in the Synod and our church and on our hearts.

If convenient, you might send me any report of the Brewster, meanwhile, any time before the 15th of October.

Very sincerely yours

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No. 9.

From

my niece

Mrs Jane N. Lusk

MOUNT VERNON,
N.Y.
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Rev Robert Hamill Nassau D.D.
S.Kanne "Mervon" Pier 53 So. Wharves.
Philadelphia, Penn

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Sept 1st.

290 N. Fulton Ave
Mt Vernon

My very dear Uncle.

As I can't give you in person a kiss and my best wishes for your journey I shall have to send them in a note. I fear I have not put a very correct address on my envelope. But hope it may find you. If it does not can might wish love and and a

on your hands, and the Christ-mas
may you to send me a letter &
should glory in it. When Pils
friend Johnson I will send you the
page of his note & mine. We have
numbers at 290. Frank Mill & Wheen
up, and hurt arm. Eleanor came
home yesterday with a sprained
ankle from Tennis. She was in
great pain. We all love to hear
what you are doing. I shall have
you in my mind a great deal
on Saturday. A letter from Princeton
received yesterday said Miss Mary Foster
was dying. She & Mr thought she could
not live through the day. She has
been quite ill for a long time on
mountain Thus the Lord's pity & I cannot
account for ill health & this have to me
in the Kingdom. Albert Pick was
there on a visit and is very good
& good looking as he would be with

deep admiration for you
again start me with aims on
your long trip. I don't wish
to intrude to his Lordship but I have
a great respect for you &
your life. I shall be very
glad to send you a letter
now and then. I can hardly
look for answers knowing
your life is a busy one
but if in any chance time
should you hang heavy

Jim found Lucy Phillips for a
mother all of her Phil-
children are Phil- Am sitti
Lank here will find me as
this is the only home I have
and this all my Fund to
me. Nell goes to Mulino on
the 15th- She goes to
boarding school She earns part
of Och and Bella for two
weeks to mother. leaving
mother and me to keep house

We have a fine Congl church here. Mr Dale as pastor
It is a working and a
growing church. and a good
missionary one. John Miles
Bass is one of our elders
It is also a pleasant town
of about 2500 and many
charming people. Wish much
love dear Uncle and many
good wishes. for your journey
and your loving niece
Jennie L. Tutt.

No. 10.

From

daughter of my cousin

Rev. R. H. Davis. Ph. D.

Miss Elisabeth H. Davis.

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READING
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Rev. Dr. R. Hamill Rasbam
Rec "Faraine" S.S. "Merion"
Pier 53 South Wharves
Washington Avenue
Philadelphia

4529 Hazel Avenue
West Philadelphia
1st Sept. 1904.

My Dear Evan Hamill, —

Your farewell card reached me last evening — and I want you to receive a loving message of greeting and God-speed from me ere you sail away from the Port of Philadelphia

and your native shores of America. I can well understand how, as you say, these are both "busy days" and "sad days" while you are preparing for your departure. Tell Mary with my love, that if she would like to come to see me at any time she would find a warm welcome, and must not feel like a stranger to me, even though we have met so seldom. My heart does go out to poor <u>Father</u> Motherless ones now, as never never before! And then the poor child I know will feel dreadfully lonely after her dear Father will have sailed so far away from her.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your coming out to see me that evening, Cousin Hamill. Even though, as you remarked when leaving, the "time was

so short that we had
merely touched upon so
many subjects which I
should love to have
talked with you about.
Nevertheless, it did me
much good to see you for
even that short while —
my beloved Arthur's
valued friend and
comrade — cousin, as
you were for so many
years —

I will think of
you Saturday morning
and see if possible I
would come to see

you evil; but, those parting moments will naturally be claimed by the nearer relatives and friends. I can breathe a little prayer for you then just the same that you may have a pleasant comfortable voyage, and be even in the safe-keeping of the Ruler of all the seas, as well as the land. But came Saturday afternoon I

you!

— Godbye ("God be with you") Cousin Camill. Our best, most wishes (Adelia, Mostine, Susie, and mine) will follow you always.

Affectionately yours,

Elizabeth Camill Davis

Go up to Princeton
to spend Sunday and
Monday (a holiday) with
Belle Gorman and her
dear Mother and sister.
Just a year ago I
had my own precious
Mother and home in
Bridgeton where I went
to spend "Labor Day".
How the world can
change for me in a
few months or a

No. 11.

From

Rev. W. J. Gregory.

W. J. GREGORY,
PASTOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
MANSFIELD, TIOGA CO., PA.

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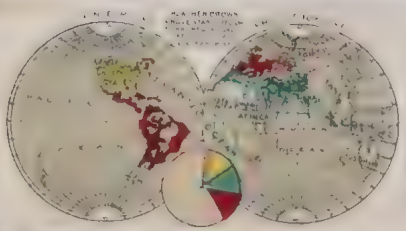
Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D.D.,
Care Steward Steamer Marion,
53 South Wharves,
Philadelphia.
Pa.



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PHILADELPHIA, PA. REC'D. STA. POLITHMOOK

WILLIAM JONES GREGORY,
PASTOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D.D. MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA, 12th Sept 1904

S S Merin

My dear Sir and Brother:-

It was very good of you to send me this line of farewell and I am glad that it came early enough for me to hope that a reply will reach you. Our meeting with you was one of the brightest spots in the Assembly meeting. For the "Philosophy of Superstition" I shall be watching in expectation that there, from the observations on the dark Continent even, some light will be shed upon the reason that the vagaries of Mrs Mary Baker G Eddy, of Dowie, of the Mormons, et hoc genus omnis, take such strong root.

And now we wish for you a safe and comfortable voyage, and years more of service to the King of your desire, and very much gratification in the way of gathering in those who are Christ's.

Mrs Gregory joins me in warmest regards and best wishes. When you come again I hope we may have the honor of having you under our roof.

Very sincerely yours

W. J. Gregory

Isa. 40:31.

After 5 days, return to

332 E. 4th St.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

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Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau D.D.
c/ Red Star Line Steamer "Merion"
sailing Saturday Sept. 3rd
Philadelphia
Pa.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

OTIS A. SMITH, PASTOR,
THE MANSE, 332 EAST FOURTH STREET.

Jamestown N. Y.
Sept. 15th 1911.

Rev Robt. Samuel Hassan D.D.
Philadelphia Pa.

My dear Doctor Hassan; We received your word of greeting a day or two ago. We wish we could be at the Pier to see you off & wish you by word of mouth bon voyage – The next best thing is to write you our sentiments. & pray God's blessing to attend you on the journey, & to be your portion during these years of service ahead of you. The children all join with sincere & mighty in this greeting – Very Cordially Yrs Otis A. Smith

No. 13.

From

Sanford R. Knapp. Esq.

my college class-mate.

After 5 days, return to
PEEKSKILL SAVINGS BANK,
PEEKSKILL, N. Y.

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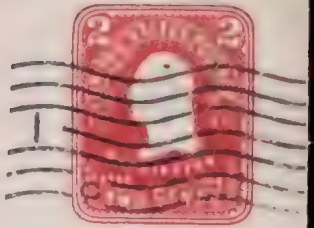


Rev R. Hamill Kassam D.D.
Red Star Line Steamer "Merion"
Pier 53 South Wharves foot of
Washington Ave.
Philadelphia Pa

Write him about
the bell

Peekskill Savings Bank,

Chartered 1859.

URIAH HILL, JR., PRESIDENT
JACOB M. SHIPLEY, TREASURER
SANFORD R. KNAPP, SECRETARY
ROBERT S. ALLEN, CASHIER

Peekskill, N.Y. Sept 6 1904

My dear Nessar

Your postal came this morning - As you are from Philadelphia, it would be impossible for me, to personally, give you a farewell greeting - I pray you may have a pleasant voyage and receive a hearty welcome on your arrival, and that you may have very many years of successful work before you in your chosen field of labor - I think we were all interested in hearing from you Mr Foley at our class reunion, I know I was & although I have endeavored to keep in touch with all Hopkins

work, yet from your talk I learned much that was of interest & value.

If not too much trouble, & you know the time, I will be glad to know.

Have you on your council and at any time, the Keep up the Monthly Church Missionary Meeting & a letter from the field is always interesting — very information in regard to the best that may such as our Sabbath School years ago will be thankfully rec'd — With kind regards to your Sister when you see her I am, my dear

Yours faithfully & affectionately

S. R. Wasson

No. 14.

From

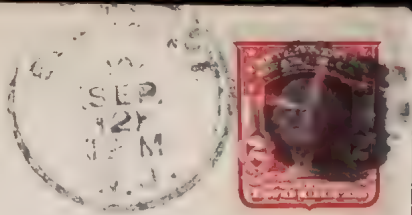
Miss Laura Paul.

Explanation.

Miss Paul had sent an invitation for me to spend the last week of my furlough, in Belvidere, guest of herself and Mrs Scranton. That invitation was never delivered to me. Later, Rev. Mr. Brown had invited me for a Farewell Service on my last Sunday: which I accepted. Miss Paul was offended that I had not accepted hers. Especially, as there was an ill-feeling, on the part of herself and her sister, against Mr. Brown, for which they had ceased to

attend his church. With this, I had no part. Both they and he were my friends; and I would not meddle myself in that matter.

R. H. Nassau.



Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D.D.
Red Star line Steamer Merion.
American Line Dock, Pier 53.
South Wharves. Washington Ave.
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from
Marie Freel

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Belvidere Sept 2nd

My dear Adele

This is just a line to say good-bye and to wish you a safe journey back to your work in Africa. I wanted to explain why I could not allow Mary to send for you in the first church of Belvidere. Under the existing circumstances it would have been very disloyal to us, and it done so the girl to bring, really good

and gladly a place in our home of a younger sister, and the return we not only ask, but, insist upon is, that she be as true and sincere to us, as we are to her. If she can not do this, then it is right she should seek a home elsewhere. There can be no true friendship, or happiness in a family, where this principle does not exist. No one regrets more than my sister and my self, that many has to be brought in contact with these things, but it is through no fault of ours. There are many things I can not under stand, and especially this last act of yours, or the loss of your departure from this country, when you should have unfolded Old round us as you have done, I do not know, but I am content to wait until God, who doeth all things right, shall make the crooked places straight. For have we not his promise that the truth shall prevail? I was very sorry not to have had a little talk

with you about Mary's future, while you were in Belvidere, and regret you gave me no opportunity, as matters can be adjusted so much better in conversation, than by letter. Hoping you will have a good voyage, and be returned again to Mary in many years, I am

Very sincerely Yours

Laura Paul.

No. 15.

From

Mrs Olivia P. Hoe.

NEW YORK, N.Y. STA. F
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Mr. Dr. Jones
Red Star Line Steamer
"Vaderland"
Pier 53, North Riverside, Philadelphia

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PHILA. PA. REC
SEP 3
530 AM
1904

My Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am very sorry not to see you again, but I am in great trouble. I am obliged to go home to-morrow to my poor sick child Mrs. Morris who is very very ill.

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to see you and your family and best wishes for your welfare, I am,

Very sincerely yours

Cecil B. Hoe.

Sept. 2nd 1904.

No. 16.

From

Miss Julia Ross.

The Rev. Robert Hamil Nassau D.D.
Red Star Line Steamer "Merion"
Pier 53, South Wharves
Philadelphia
Pa.

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The Rev. Robert Hamil Hassau D.D.
Red Star Line Steamer "Merion"
Pier 5-3 South Wharves
Philadelphia
Pa.

Read this letter
first.

Rec'd Sept 3 1904
dated Sept. 1
from
Julia Reed

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PHILADELPHIA, PA. REC'D
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Sept. 6 — No. 1
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Dear Mr. Vassau;—

Your postal received Wednesday morning. Was so glad to hear from you, but it made me feel bad to think that it brought the tidings of your departure.

And to think that all the time you have been in this country, I should have seen you only once — its real mean.

I would have given a good deal to have seen you many times – at least again before you left for Africa

It is too bad, but anyway I have heard from you once or twice and that's a little something.

I shall keep your African address, and, if not unpleasant to you, will write you and expect in return, if you can possibly spare the time, a letter written to Flower.

I can't know for quite a while whether its pleasing or displeasing, can I?

I trust you are feeling well and happy. Do take extra good care of yourself and come back to America again feeling as well, if not better, than when you left it.

I trust to God you will.

Mary must just hate to have you leave her. From her letters she has been having a splendid vacation.

It will make me feel very badly if this letter fails to reach the steamer in time.

– but I guess it won't.

No doubt you will have many letters to read while on your voyage.

I do not know just how long it takes to reach your destination, but I shall write five seperate notes, and you shall open one <u>each week</u> and may be it will keep you from forgetting your little Flower friend and help, perhaps, to make the trip less lonely.

You see now why

I wrote what I did on the out side of envelope.

I keep your picture in my room. I like it very much.

With many best wishes for a pleasant voyage and a safe arrival

I am most sincerely
Your friend
Julia M. Ross.

Thursday.
Sept. 1, 1904.
Glover,
N. J.

No. 1.

Open this note on Sept. 6, 1904.
a week later open No. 2 and
the remaining three, also,
each a week apart.

Read, Sept 6' 1904
Hewes

Dear Mr. Vassau;-

This is the first of the five.

Just what to write to you that would be especially enjoyable I do not know — but the fact that you are reading (whatever be the contents) from some one on land will be a sort of confort in itself, will it not?

Have you been enjoying yourself on ship board?

so doubt - you have already met - some very pleasant - people. They are every where - in all parts of the world - on land and on sea.

When I hear people talk about - there being so much bad in the world and so little good, I get most angry.

It is not so - the world is better now than it ever was, and altho there is some bad, there's very much more good.

I think so anyway, don't you Mr. Passan?

I wish I had started to write these letters long before I did, then I could make them more interesting to you and much longer too, but now I have so little time that each of the fire notes will not be either as long or as nice as I could want them.

Without doubt Mary told you of our wish to leave Hoover. Yes, we want to and will as soon as arrangements

can be made. We want to get nearer the city, and for more reasons than I can name it seems the right thing to do.

If we do move, and when we do I will send you a picture of our new home, for it is nice to know what a person's home looks like, rather than imagine it.

I suppose Mary too has given you letters to read at different times, and,

that tho you are alone you are not really lonesome.

You never get sea sick do you Mr. Vassar? I do hope not, for I can imagine how very unpleasant that would be.

In another week from the day you read this open the next note, and never fail to remember that I wish you all sorts & good things. Most sincerely

Your friend

Julie.

No 2.

Recd. Sept. 13' 1904

Amers

Dear Dr. Vassar,-

By this time you have crossed the Atlantic - whether you are in Liverpool or hurrying towards Africa I can not tell, for I do not know your plans, but where ever you are you can't escape my letters - well - unless you throw them away as useless rubbish.

By this time you are too far from your mother country to even attempt to come back, I guess.

Have you met any people who are bound for the same place as your self, and do you like them?

I hope you have, it is so very much nicer to be with people one likes, than it is to be by ones self, tho the old saying goes "be good and you'll be lonesome"

I know you are good but I hope you aint lonesome. In your case the saying need not apply.

When you are reading this letter, schools will be open here in this country. the days will be getting a shade shorter and cooler and the leaves will have changed their color from a soft tender green to gold different shades of purple and then rusty brown.

It seems almost impossible to think what a week or two will do - does it not?

When you reach Balanga, Africa, you will be running back more than a month, for there it will be warmer than it was when you left the United States.

You do not like cold weather do you?

Well, I don't dislike it, but I must say I like warm weather better.

Your glad the natives and your African friends will be to have you back again, and really I don't

doubt but that you too are anxious to see them too, for as a trip draws towards a close its hard to wait for it to end.

Just think what interesting letters you could write me of your trip and etc. and see what miserable little letters I write you – but I can't help it, for I have no news or anything of special importance to tell you of.

Good bye until next week. Sincerely Julie.

No 3.

Read. Sept. 20th 1904

Ausmo

Dear Mr. Vassar;-

Another week has gone by, and here I am talking to you again.

Its nicer to say talking than writing isnt it? it makes it seem as if it really was that - only I must say its rather a one sided conversation.

How do you feel this week? I do wonder

just where you are.

Just imagine any one talking to another person and asking them where they were. The person that asked the question would, I am afraid, be considered - well - rather light headed - but as long as you understand what it is that calls forth the question, it makes but little difference.

Where ever you are, you have some one to talk to - for these letters simply will not be left behind.

I wonder, if in sheer desperation the reader will not fiercely cast them into the deep blue waves. After two weeks more the reader, patient man, will not be bothered.

It simply nonesense for the writer to talk to you, and yet say nothing - but it cant be helped. If the reader would but ask some questions or say what he will like the most to hear, then the writer might be obliging - but that we know

is quite impossible — too many hundreds of miles apart are the writer and the reader, so Mr. Vassar forgive me if I say but little worth remembering.

These letters are all written in the space of two or three days, while you are reading them weeks apart.

News and happenings are much the same, since first I wrote the first letter of the five.

Without doubt you have heard from Mary

several times since you bid her good-bye on the 3rd of ~~August~~ September.

My sister Bessie, when you read this letter will be away at school "Wheaton Seminary" Mass - the younger children at school too, while I will be at home, busy trying to do what is expected of me. Now I do want to do the right things, but I am always the greatest one to make mistakes.

In another week you will hear from Julie

No 4.

Recd Sept. 27' 19

Dear Mr. Vassau;-

Four weeks have gone by since you read the first letter from your little Dover friend.

Tempus fugit surely!

Now I wonder where you are. I wish I knew — it would seem as if I were really talking to you then.

When I look back upon that day at Atlantic City, so long ago

it hardly seems as if I had really seen you.

I do wish I had not gone out on the board walk that morning. Honestly, Mr. Nassau, if I had known you were coming in the morning I would never have stirred out of the hotel.

I had the idea in my head that you would visit us in the after-noon and stay to dinner. Do you not believe me? I have felt sorry for that little mistake many, many times.

Have you, ever since that day felt as if your feet could not keep quiet? It pretty bad, Mr. Nassau, when a missionary of your high standing, feels such worldly inclinations.

It did my heart good to hear you say that – I just love dancing, you know.

I am not afraid to say I am either, not even to you.

What harm is there in it – I think dancing a good, fine exercise.

The Royal Italian band was certainly fine. How I do love music! I could have listened to that band all day and all night.

Mary, I believe, sings quite sweetly. I should like to hear her sing. When she visits us I shall certainly ask her to.

Do you not play on some instrument Mr. Wassail? I thought I heard you say so, once.

I love music but I

am not a musician. How bad is it not?

Only one more letter to be bothered with — one more week, Mr. Nassau, and this one sided conversation will cease.

Soon you will be on familiar soil, and see well known faces again.

Adieu until next week From your sincere friend

Juliet Corson.

No. 5.

Recd. Oct. 4' 1904

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I shall end them.

May you feel well and happy and may the best things come to you.

Your devoted little friend

Julia E. H. Ross.

Dear Mr. Nassau:-

Our last conversation has come - the five weeks have gone and now, no doubt, you are in Africa.

Has the trip been a pleasant one? And do you feel as well as when you started? I do so hope you do. [illegible] the month

of October. It seems hardly possible that winter should be so near. I guess you are glad not to have to wear thick clothes - over coat and heavy shoes. It must be nice not to have to muffle up so.

When you are reading this note, the trees will be almost bare and cool weather will again be here.

To think that I should be in the United States and you in Africa - and yet talking to you. It's hard to believe it.

I do hope, Mr. Hassan, that these few attempts have not over wearied you, for surely, they are careless and far from interesting. I trust they have not. Will you tell me if they have?

Well, Mary has been in school for some time now, and so has my sister Bess. I wish that I too, might have gone away to school. Of course, to go thru the high-school

is fairly a good education
— but oh how I should like
to have a one on learning.

But it must be for the
best — in such a large
family every one can not
do as they would like.

Then too, Mr. Nassau, one
can keep on trying to
improve by themselves, can
they not?

I think its awful to
feel that one would or
could stand still.

I am just going to do
all I can to make the best
of every thing and to

make all I do count for something.

Just think how much you know and understand — it must be fine to feel that oneself is really <u>something</u> worth while.

All your life, Dr Hassan, has been spent in trying to help others — you left your own country, your friends, your children and went to a strange land — there to teach the unlearned natives, not only religion, the true religion, but how to really live.

I think, I know, you have done a great work and you surely will be rewarded.

To feel that one is doing as near right as they can is a reward in itself, is it not?

How nice it would be if I really could talk to you so that you could hear me and I hear you.

Again, I say its near I only saw you once, while you were in this country.

Did you know, Mr. Jassau, that we had trollays in Hoer now?

Yes, we have and they run right past our house. It so nice to have them here – it makes one feel nearer civilization.

Did Nanzio old Spicia nurse die? I thought I once heard Mrs. Todd say so, and yet I can not really remember.

Did you not say Mr Jassau that in Africa there is no twilight – how very queer that would seem, to have darkness come all a sudden. I do not think I would like that, and I imagine you do not either.

But now, you are so used to it and to dictate that nothing seems strange to you I suppose.

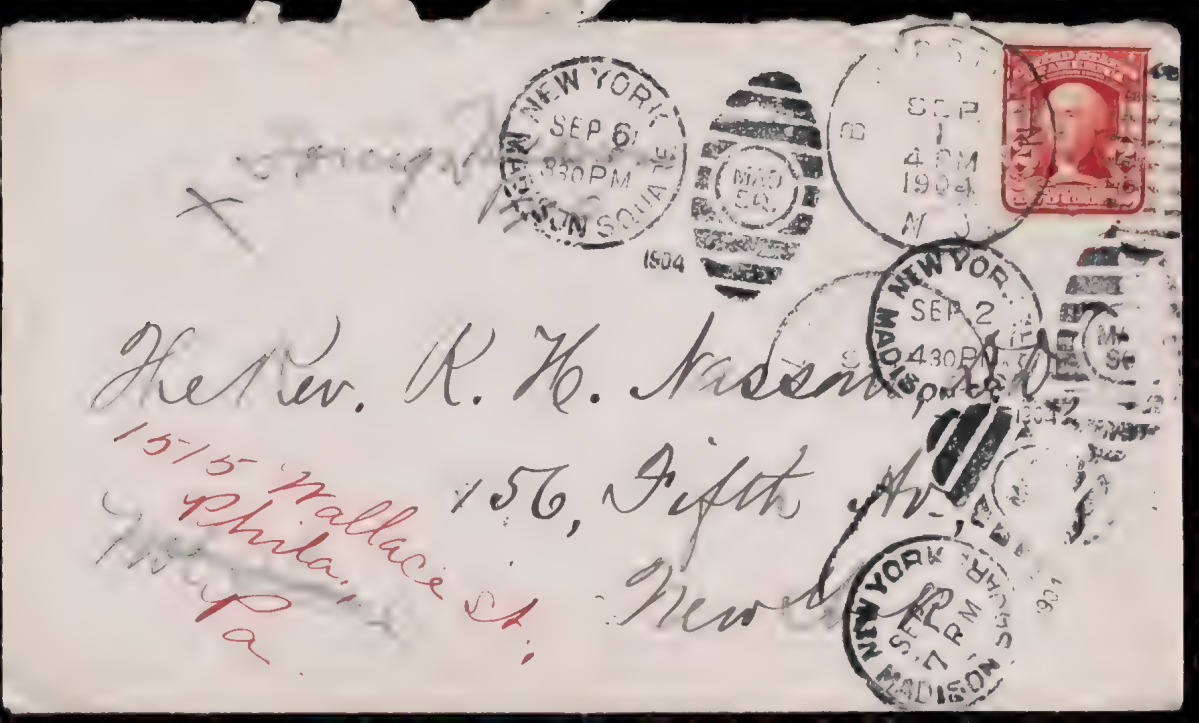
Now, Mr. Hassan, if you ever have time I would like to hear from you — but if you have not think no more about writing to Grover.

For five weeks, ie. since even five weeks, I have talked to you, and, for fear that if now you are tired of these scribble

No. 17.

From

Rev. H. S. Butler. D.D.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Dated Sept. 1st 1904
Rec'd Sept 24
(in Liverpool)
from
Rev. Dr. Butler

Blairstown, N.J.,

Sep. 1., 1904.

Dear Dr. Nassau,

Your brief reminder was read with interest and called forth sympathetic feelings. It must the Lord will prosper the journey and the year at the end of it. We shall have a "living link" with you, here, I presume, for another year at least. I wish you could meet our committee on Sept. 19., in

New York. If you cannot be there, we shall remember you -

Sincerely your friend,

Henry S. Burchard

Rev. R. H. Nassau D. D.

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